

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Alisa Teffeteller upon being selected the 2012-2013 Supervisor of the Year for East Tennessee by the Tennessee Department of Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educational leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alisa Teffeteller is one such estimable educational administrator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the federal programs director and career and technical education director for Blount County Schools, Dr. Teffeteller was recently selected as the 2012-13 Supervisor of the Year for East Tennessee by the Tennessee Department of Education, an honor most befitting her tenure as an administrator as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teffeteller is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Education, with this prestigious award, appropriately recognizes those remarkable school leaders who have served as advocates for education improvement across the state and implemented programs that have improved their individual schools; and

WHEREAS, with eighteen years of experience in system-level administration, Dr. Teffeteller has served as career and technical education director for sixteen successful years and as director of federal programs, overseeing Titles I, II, III, IV, and VI; and

WHEREAS, a product of Blount County Schools, she attended Eagleton Elementary, Eagleton Junior High, and Eagleton High School, where she played on the girls basketball team, which made the state tournament three of her four years; and

WHEREAS, she continued to play basketball at Walters State Community College, tying for 12<sup>th</sup> in career two-point field goals (292) and ranking 19<sup>th</sup> in career points (683); and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Walters State with an associate's degree in business, Dr. Teffeteller earned her bachelor's in business administration from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, her master's and education specialist degrees in curriculum and instruction and administration and supervision, respectively, from Lincoln Memorial University, and her doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she has further demonstrated her passion for education through her involvement in various community organizations, serving as secretary of the East Tennessee Supervisors' Study Council, an ex-officio member of the Blount County Education Foundation, a member of the Career and Technical Education Directors' Study Council, a member of the Federal Programs Directors' Study Council, and a member and team leader of a special committee assisting the Tennessee Department of Education in its revamping of teacher licensure; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional commitments, Dr. Alisa Teffeteller is a lifelong member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she has participated in the choir for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teffeteller is most appreciative of the love and support she received from her parents, Bob and Juretta Coppenger, and her husband, Mike Teffeteller, throughout her career in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alisa Teffeteller truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alisa Teffeteller epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Alisa Teffeteller on being chosen as the 2012-13 Supervisor of the Year for East Tennessee by the Tennessee Department of Education, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.